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(54) **Electrochemical cell**

(57) The electrochemical cell includes an electrode structure (200) having a metal anode (208) coated with lithium mounted to one side of a polymeric separator (206). The electrode structure (200) also includes a cathode structure (204) having a active cathode material, such as polycarbon monofluoride, coated on an expanded screen current collector (202). The cathode structure (204) is mounted on an opposing side of the

polymeric separator (206). Side edges of the expanded screen current collector (202) are coined inwardly to prevent sharp tines formed alongside edges from damaging adjacent components within the electrochemical cell. The electrode structure (200) is mounted within a cell housing which is flooded with a liquid non-aqueous electrolyte. Appropriate electrical contracts are provided to the anode (208) and cathode (204).

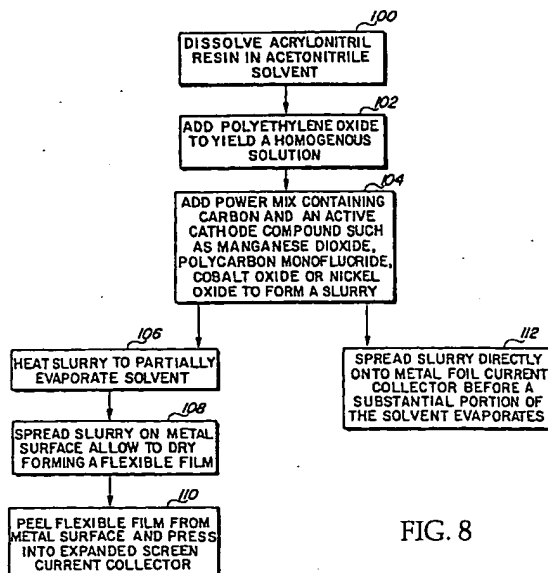


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